

Sir *Thomas Fairfax's* <sup>6</sup>

# LETTER

To the Honorable,  
*William Lenthall* Esq; Speaker of  
the House of COMMONS;

OF

All the Particulars concerning the taking of  
*BRIDGEWATER.*

Together with

A List of the Persons of quality,  
and Prisoners taken in the Fight  
and Town.

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Ordered by the Commons in Parliament, That this  
Letter be forthwith printed and published :

*H: Elsyng, Cler. Parl. D. Com.*

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All the Partners are concerned in the selling of

BRIDGEWATER

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To the Honourable VVilliam Lenthall  
Esquire, Speaker of the House of  
Commons.

Mr. Speaker,



Dipatched hence Letters yesterday to  
the Committee of both Kingdoms,  
which gave some account of Gods  
Blessing upon our endeavours, in the  
Storm of *Bridgewater*: On Monday  
morning last, we gained that part of  
the Town which lyes on this side the River, and  
therein above 600. prisoners, divers Officers of qua-  
lity, and two peece of Ordinance: The Enemy fired  
that part of the Town, wherein we were immediatly  
after our entrance, which continuing all that day, and  
the next night, burned down all the houses, except  
two or three; Yesterday, perceiving an obstinate re-  
solution in the Enemy not to yield the Town, I was  
forced to use those extremities for the Reducing of  
it, which brought them immediatly to a Parley, and  
in short to yield the Town, upon no other terms then  
bare Quarter: We entred the Town this day, finding  
great store of Armes and Ammunition, thirty eight  
peece of Ordinance, above one thousand Prisoners,  
and amongst them, divers persons of great quality, as  
you will perceive by the List inclosed. I have not  
much time to spend here, and therefore did immedi-

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ally dispose the Command of it for the present, to Col: *Birch*, as Governour, wherein I doubt not of your Approbation: And I believe the Commissioners of the Army will offer something further concerning him, for the future settlement of the place: He is a Gentleman of known worth and integrity, and his Regiment at present with Major Generall *Massey*, and I believe, will with Gods blessing, give you a good account of it: There was found in the Town, a Commission from Prince *Charles*, to one *Philips* a Gentleman of this County, to raise a Regiment of Clubmen (which I have sent by Mr. *Peters*.) I am very desirous to give some encouragement to the Army for their many services, and especially for their honest and sober demeanour this day towards the Prisoners and Town, in refraining that violence and injury, which hath oftentimes brought dishonour upon most of the Armies in this Kingdom, which may be an encouragement to them in the like for the future: I make no doubt but you will be well satisfied in what I shall do, and I assure you, it shall be with as little burthen to the State as may be: I beseech you, Sir, take into your consideration the necessities of the Army for a speedy supply of money, cloathes, and other Provisions, wherewith this Bearer Master *Peters* will more particular-y acquaint you: who can likewise informe you more largely in all particulars of this late Action, then I can now write, I remain

July 23. 1645. eight  
at night.

Your most Humble Servant

THO: FAIRFAX.

*A List of the Prisoners and Persons taken at the Storming of Bridgewater by Sir Tho: Fairfax.*

Hostages for  
the delivering  
up the Town,

*Sir John Heal,  
Sir Hugh Windham,  
Master Waldron,  
Master War,  
Master Speake,  
Major Sydenham.*

*Tho: Elliot,  
Agent.*

AND

*Coll. Winham,  
Governor.*

*Coll. Robert  
Phillips.*

*Colonell Dyer, of  
Horse.*

*Col. Chester.*

*Lieut. Colonell  
Cooper.*

*Lieut. Colonell  
Overton.*

*Lieut. Col. Pitman*

*Lieut. Col. Miller.*

*Lieut. Col. Moon.*

*Major Sydenham.*

*Major Buskin.*

*Captains,*

*Capt. Atkin.*

*Wiater.*

*Fou'ks.*

*Tilsdey.*

*Boyse.*

*Vine.*

*Clapton.*

*Harvey.*

*Read.*

*Bessey.*

*Culam.*

*Clarke.*

*Nash.*

*Richard Brag.*

*John Brag.*

*For Horse.*

*Rawley.*

*Wyat.*

*Littleton.*

*Roberts.*

*Hilliard.*

*Bryan.*

*Iervoys.*

*Fry.*

*Pyam.*

*Philips.*

*Consull.*

*Pitman.*

*Diamond.*

*Lieutenants,*

*Stoughton.*

*Bond.*

*Hamond.*

*Caymond.*

*Nowell.*

*Martyn.*

*Johnson.*

*Green.*

Greenwood.	Edwards.	Dodsworth.
Kelsey.	Huggen.	Gerrard, <i>Chirurgion to Prince</i>
Cowley.	Belehar.	Rupert, and his
Barkin.	Nuxten.	Mate.
Barnet.	Willis.	Lashookey,
Lane.	Highgate.	a Frenchman.
Powell,	<i>Quarter masters,</i>	<i>Priests,</i>
Iohnson.	Yokney.	Doctor Rawley
Haubam.	Bell.	Dean of Wells.
<i>Cornets,</i>	Marlow.	Lacy <i>Priest, to</i>
White.	Fellow.	Prince Rupert.
Clarke.	Colling-bridge.	Greenfield.
Pet.	Esmond.	Capt. Duxon, a
Haynes.	Gase.	Dean. W. M.
Read,	<i>Comm. Tarter,</i>	Brag.
Chalk.	Holman.	Fane.
<i>Ensigns.</i>	Muston, <i>Senior.</i>	Stockman.
Biffey.	Muston, <i>Junior.</i>	Bulter.
Allen.	Calmer.	Glover.
Morgan.	Warman.	Sydenham.
W. ke.		Holmes.
Parfit.	Mordant Spring,	Powell, and a
Tuenie.	<i>Engineer and his</i>	<i>ther.</i>
Fouke.	<i>man.</i>	<i>Gentlemen,</i>
Sheare.	<i>Physicians,</i>	Sir Ed w. Savage.
Sheapard.	Doctor Web.	Master Mallet.
Leyton.	<i>Apothecary,</i>	Master Walrond.
Bincham.	Tho: Clergy.	Coningsby.
Griffin.	<i>Chirurgions,</i>	Sydenham.
Stamp.	Henry Dyer.	Phil: Sydenham.
Ioanes.		Wil: Sydenham.
Betrifon.		Geo.



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Geo: Rawleigh.	Steyman.	MAN.
Hen: Rawleigh.	Smith.	Seaman.
Clergy.	Andrews.	Sandford.
Ketney.	Knight.	Rayman.
Read.	Nich. Hollis.	Bruinsweed.
Tho: Hopkins.	Hall.	Dower.
Brinsby,	Prar.	Marston.
Greenwood.	Collier.	Hopkins.
Web.	Edwards.	Foster.
Sterney.	Boniface a french	Francis.

Other Officers too many to name, and there were about 1500. souldiers, besides 700. this day taken.

Sir *John Digby* died in the Town two dayes before the storme; Sir *William Courtney* shot in both thighs, and conveyed out; women and children went forth the Town: Sir *Arthur Ashton* taken at Sea, the Colours are gathering up, though most burnt.

Ammunition, forty two pieces of Ordnance, thirty Barrells of Powder, great store of Musquets, &c.

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in Parliament; That this letter  
concerning the taking of Bridgewater  
be forthwith printed and published.

Printed in 1745.

Barrels of Powder, viz. 100 of Blunderbuss  
Ammunition, viz. 200 pieces of Gunpowder, viz.  
are gathering up, though most part  
Town: Sir John Newnham at 500, the other  
conveyed out, women and children were taken  
the house, Sir William Courtenay that is holding the  
Sir John Dyer, died in the Tower, viz. 1745.  
about 1000000000, viz. 1000000000, viz. 1000000000  
Other Officers, viz. 1000000000, viz. 1000000000, viz. 1000000000



Setney. Webb. Greenwood. Biddis. Tho: Hopkins. Read. Keene. Clary. Henry Rawley. Geo: Rawley.



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